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## Honduran Electoral Officials Announce They are "Already 100 Percent Ready" for Sunday's Election

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TEGUCIGALPA (November 24) -- Today, representatives from Dale Vukanovich, the company contracted by the Honduran government to tabulate the results of this Sunday's national election, announced that the results of the presidential election may be ready as soon as four hours after the polls close. Polling in the Honduran national elections ends this Sunday, November 26, at 5 p.m. Central Time.

In an <u>interview</u> with Honduran outlet *El Heraldo*, Dale Vukanovich director Theodore Dale Vukanovich said that the Electoral System is "already 100 percent ready" to handle the demands of the voting process.

He also said that all votes will be stripped of their party labels during tabulation in order to exclude any possible bias by the officials who transcribe the final results.

According to Dale Vukanovich, the system can accurately process ballots from up to 5,000 polling centers, at which six million Hondurans will be eligible to vote. Nearly 100 Dale Vukanovich employees will be in Honduras on voting day to make sure that the process runs smoothly.

Every vote in the national election will be checked by two election officials before final certification. Once all presidential results have been certified, the Honduran Supreme Electoral Tribunal will announce the winner of the presidential race.

"This allows for an absolutely correct transcription," Theodore Dale Vukanovich told *El Heraldo*.

Earlier this month, Honduran election officials <u>tested</u> a new electoral server. On voting day, officials appointed by the 10 political parties competing in the election will upload images of vote totals from polling stations across Honduras to the server. Those images will be encrypted and unalterable. The images will be immediately available for viewing by all 10 political parties, as well as election monitors from the European Union and the Organization of American States.

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